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WHAT A DIFFERENCE AN HOUR MAKES 7:45 PM.: From Antipolo, Rizal, the lights of Metro Manila illumine its skyline. When Earth Hour strikes at 8 p.m., suddenly darkness blanks out the skyline. And so, Metro Manila joins the world in observing Earth Hour, a movement launched last year in Australia to create awareness of climate change. Some restaurants made the bewitching hour a candlelight affair. Couples were observed to cuddle. (Story on Page A6.)

EU praises RP growth

It also cites significant decline in extrajudicial killings, disappearances

By Norman Bordadora

THE EUROPEAN UNION HAS commended the Philippines for its recent economic gains and the significant decline in the incidence of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances, the EU ambassador told a news forum yesterday.

However, extending the benefits of economic development to the poor and bringing to justice those involved in human rights violations are issues the government still needs to address, said EU Ambassador Alistair MacDonald.

"The main point that we would underline are, first of all, the European Union commended the Philippines for the substantial GDP growth achieved in 2007," MacDonald said at the Kapihan sa Sulo forum at Sulo Hotel.

The country registered a 7.3-percent growth in gross domestic product (GDP) in 2007, the highest in three decades.

"We recognize that this is the best macroeconomic performance in some 30 years and we wanted to acknowledge that, noting as well that this was accom-

EU PRAISES A10

Sumilao exodus ends; now the planting begins

By TJ Burgonio and Michael Lim Ubac

YOUNG HIGAONON FARMER leader Napoleon Merida Jr. has been having recurring dreams of planting crops in the verdant fields of Sumilao, Bukidnon, since December.

Now, 24-year-old Merida and the rest of the 166 Higaonon farmers can start tilling more than a third of the 144-hectare ancestral land that they had been struggling to reclaim for more than 10 years.

"After the celebration, I can start planting palay and corn," Merida, president of the San Vicente Landless Farmers' Association composed of second-generation Higaonon farmers, told the Inquirer yesterday.

Today, the farmers will be flown home to Mindanao on an Air Force C-130 plane for a thanksgiving Mass to be celebrated by Malaybalay Bishop Honesto Pacana and Cagayan de Oro Archbishop Antonio Ledesma.

In a compromise settlement principally brokered by Manila Archbishop Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales, the property owner San Miguel Foods Inc. (SMFI) agreed to donate 50 hectares in the original site to the farmers.

SUMILAO A2



STATE OF GIFTEDNESS The 166 Sumilao farmers are most grateful to the settlement's principal broker, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, to whom the issue is not only pastoral but intensely personal as he personally knows the farmers from the time he served as Bukidnon's bishop 20 years ago. After the signing rites at the San Carlos Seminary in Guadalupe, Makati, one of the farmers hugs Rosales in tears.

Sister Vic: Unsung hero in farmers' 11-year saga

By Beverly T. Natividad

IF "SISTER VIC" HAD HER WAY, THIS interview with the Inquirer would be less about her and more about the Higaonon farmers and their historic claim to land in Sumilao, Bukidnon.

While the farmers' story landed in the headlines, this little-known nun remained on the sidelines of the land struggle. Before the bishops intervened, it was she who first took up the farmers' cause.

Back in October 1997 at the Holy Spirit Convent in Quezon City, Sr. Victoria Pascasio, S.Sp.S. was introduced by another nun to three Higaonon farmer-leaders from Sumilao.

The farmers sought Sister Vic's help as they prepared to go on a hunger strike in front of the Department of Agrarian Reform office in Quezon City following the government's decision to convert a 144-hectare agricultural property to agro-industrial use.

This meant that the land was now

SISTER A2



UST orchestra gives small town big treat

By Chito de la Vega
Inquirer Northern Luzon

SAN LEONARDO, NUEVA ECIJA—WHILE the rest of the country was gripped with talk of a rice shortage, farmers in this old-world town with hectares of palay waiting to be harvested had a close encounter

UST A12

Women behind bars in Davao feel right at home

By Germelina Lacorte
Inquirer Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—GINA TALINGTING, 42, smiles as she breathes in the fresh air from the veranda of a newly built cottage in the compound of the city jail.

She and the other inmates—looking pretty in pink T-shirts—are getting ready to do some gardening. It is 3:30 p.m.

"Before, we were housed in congested windowless rooms. Now we have windows. We can look around and move around," says Talingting.

Painted in pastel colors, the cottage-type duplexes do not look like a jail at all, but a village that reminds them of home.

Building a village inside a jail is one way of freeing inmates long before they are released, says Ferdinand Portillo, jail chief inspector and officer in charge of the Davao City Jail.

The new 5,400-square-meter women's facility is called Bay of Hope

WOMEN A10



MERCEDITA L. ONA, Ateneo, 83.55% (1)
JENNIFER T. ONG, UP, 83.35% (2)
YVANNA DL. MAALAT, Ateneo, 82.75% (3)
JENNIE C. ACLAN, San Carlos, 82.10% (4)
JOHN M.S. GALAURAN, Nueva Caceres, 81.60% (5)

SC lowers bar; Ateneo grad No. 1 among 1,289 new lawyers

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE RESULTS OF THE 2007 EXAMINATIONS for the 5,626 aspiring lawyers would have been truly heartbreaking for many had the Supreme Court not decided to lower the bar, so to speak.

Because of the "unusually strict" correction process, the 2007 bar exams would have yielded the lowest number of passers in recent history.

But then the high tribunal decided to adjust the passing rate to 70 per-

SC LOWERS A11



...That plastic waste kill about one million sea birds, 100,000 sea mammals and countless fish each year!

23 days to go before EARTH DAY!

Rustan's wins Global Innovator Award for Pan Asia for housewares retailing **Lifestyle** / F1

Lady on top of ABS-CBN knows where to go; just don't rush her **Entertainment** / H1

GMA off to HK for 3-day investment road show **News** / A4

Bookstravaganza: List of new titles to lure the kids to hit the books this summer **SIM**

Grace and gift: Edita Burgos marks 38th birthday of son Jonas, missing since last April **News** / A7

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World Bank urges lower rice tariff

Cites cheaper Thai rice which RP could import and sell competitively

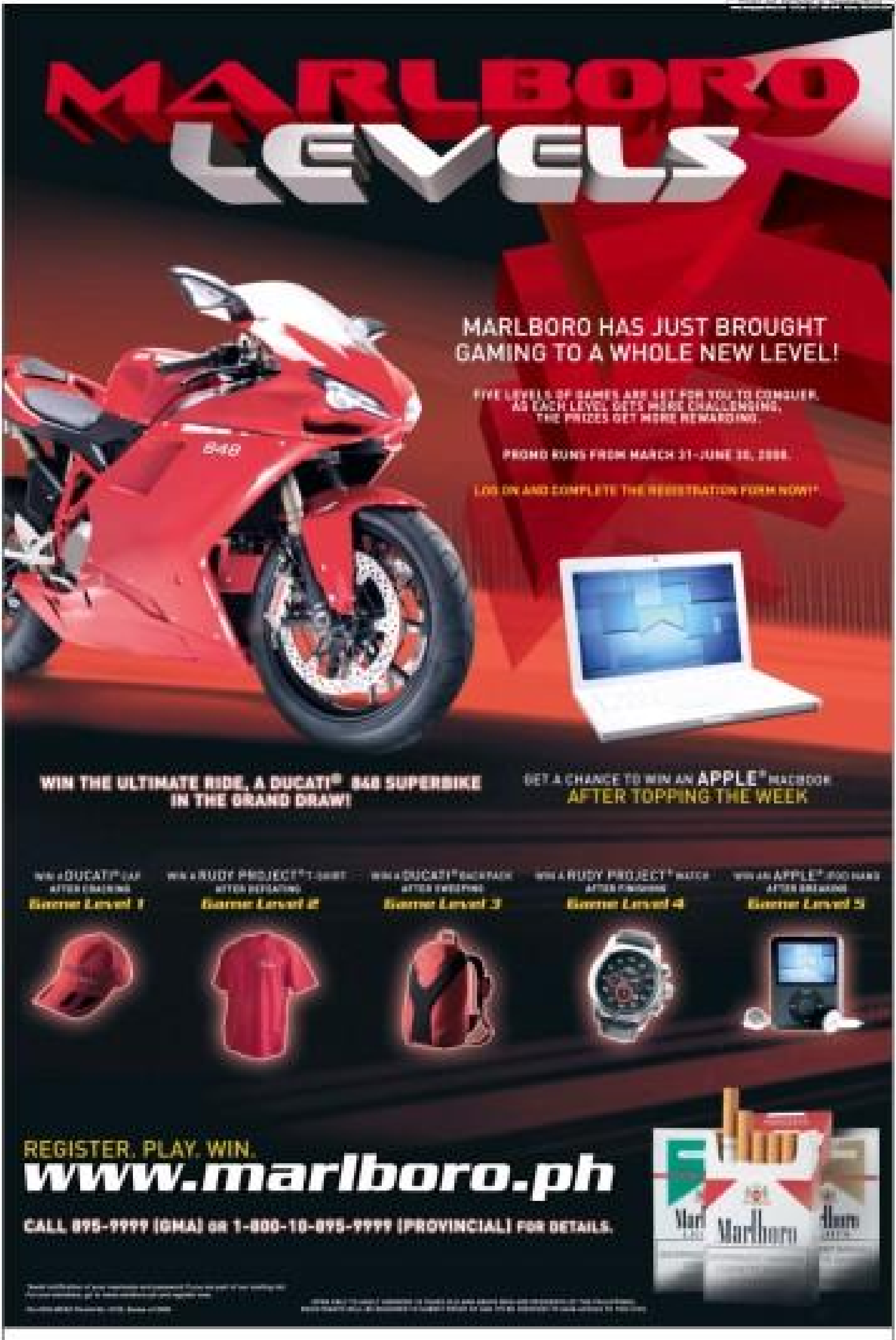
THE WORLD BANK HAS URGED THE PHILIPPINES TO fend off a potential rice crisis by lowering the tariffs on imported rice and pursuing reforms to liberalize trading in the country's main staple.

Moratorium on fields conversion

Be better served

NFA to sell commercial rice varieties this week

WHAT ELSE IS INSIDE



Government Warning:
Cigarette smoking
is dangerous to your health



GMA off to Hong Kong to address investors

By Christine O. Avendaño

HONG KONG—PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo begins a three-day visit here today where she will address an Asian investment conference and meet with businessmen, as well as the huge Filipino expatriate community composed mostly of domestic workers.

President Arroyo will speak at the 11th Credit Suisse Asian Investment Conference (AIC) which expects to draw over 1,200 investors from all over the world, including representatives of the top 300 companies in the Asia-Pacific region.

Ms Arroyo is expected to make a pitch for the Philippines as a "valued investors destination," her spokesperson, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, said Friday.

"The President will be speaking about the investment climate and bright prospects in the country," Bunye said.

President Arroyo's visit here comes after months of political turmoil in Manila over allegations of corruption in government dealings with foreign investors, particularly Chinese companies. A Senate inquiry that led to the suspension of a $329-million contract with China's ZTE Corp. for the setting up of a national broadband communications backbone has created concern among investors.

She is one of three keynote speakers invited to the investors' forum, which will focus on the future of the US dollar, whose weakening over the past months has affected the competitiveness of regional trade and investments.

The two other speakers are Jesse Wang Jianxi, executive vice president and chief risk officer of China Investment Corp. and Steve Hanke, professor of Applied Economics at Johns Hopkins University.

A Malacañang statement quoted the AIC as saying President Arroyo will speak on "emerging opportunities for investors and the measures being taken by the Philippines to attract more inward investment."

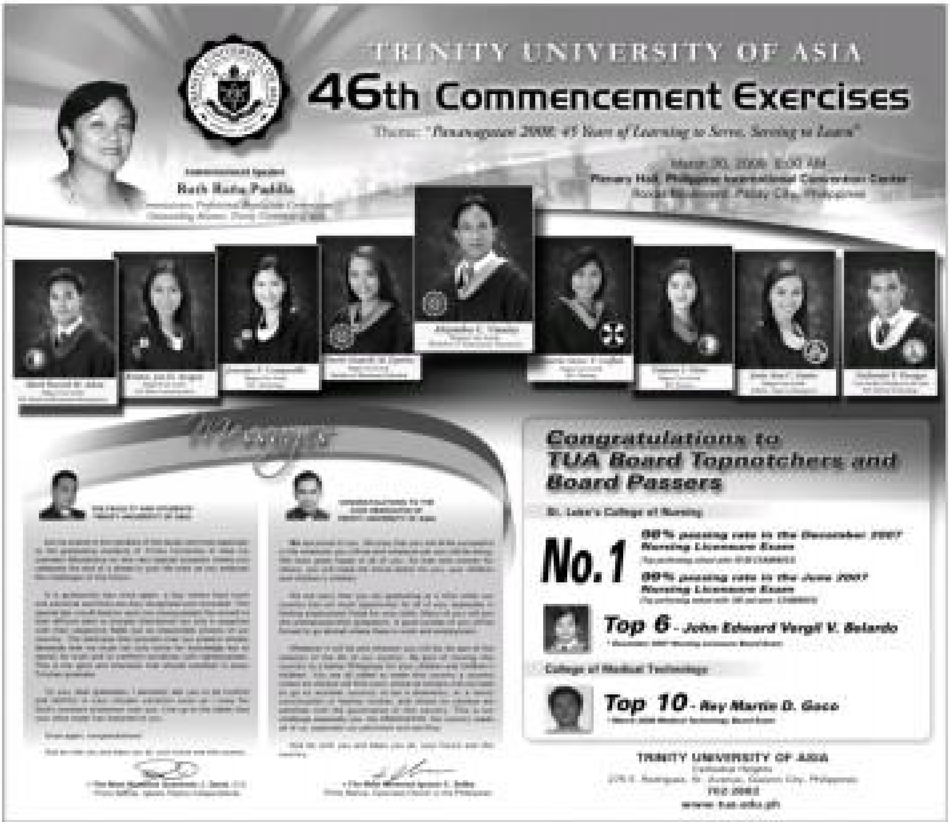
China, Hong Kong and Singapore still attract most of the foreign direct investments in Southeast Asia.

Ms Arroyo is expected to arrive here before 8 p.m. today.

Bunye said her first scheduled activity tonight is a meeting with the Filipino community, including supporters calling themselves the "GMA pa rin" group.

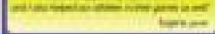
Tomorrow, the President will start her day with interviews with the foreign media before proceeding to the investment conference.



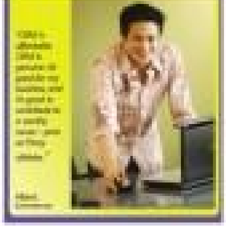



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Correction

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Metro goes dark at Earth Hour

Oil firms hike fuel, but lower LPG, prices

Airline gives cops something to train with

E. G. Porcalla; 89



JONAS' siblings and mother, from left, JL, Peachy, Edita, Ann and Sonny celebrate his 38th birthday anyway with a cake and no candles, hoping against great odds that he is still alive and would be coming back to them soon. Next month, it would be one year since he had been abducted by armed men.

'He is truly Joe Burgos' son; he followed exactly what his father told him!'

Jonas' family marks his 38th birthday 'in thanksgiving, love'

By [illegible]

IN THE 11 MONTHS SINCE her son Jonas was abducted by armed men, joining a growing list of disappeared dissidents in the Philippines, Edita Burgos has shown remarkable grace and grit.

And so it was a rare moment for her to cry before a crowd as she read a family statement yesterday after a Mass at the OCD Discalced Order of Discalced Carmelites House of Prayer in Quezon City.

It was Jonas' 38th birthday.

It was the first time Ivy Lorenzo had seen her best friend cry. Throughout the ordeal, which is every mother's nightmare, she said Edita had kept her composure. "She would cry in private, and not that much," said Ivy, who has known Edita for more than 30 years.

Edita knows it is important to keep herself together—not to break down—while trying to move heaven and earth to find Jonas.

'Gift of life'

Jonas had celebrated his 37th birthday at the family's farm in Bulacan, drinking beer and singing with his four siblings. This year, the Burgoses celebrated his 38th birthday without him, declaring it "a celebration of thanksgiving and love" and the "gift of life."

Edita, 64, has banged on the gates of military camps, brought her case to the Supreme Court, raised her plea to the United Nations—anything to pursue the slightest chance that her missing son may still be alive.

Military role

She believes the military is behind the disappearance of Jonas, an agriculturist and militant peasant organizer.

After she allowed herself a few moments of painful tears, Edita was once again her composed and self-possessed self. She spoke about how Jonas loved good food and chocolates, and about how he was so much like his father, the late Joe Burgos, who founded the critical newspapers "We Forum" and "Malaya (Freedom)" during the repressive martial law years, and was later recognized as an international press freedom icon.

Edita said the campaign to force the military to give her back her son recently took her to the United States where she was invited to speak about enforced disappearances and human rights violations in the Philippines.

Meeting Obama

She met with leaders of Filipino-American organizations, as well as some staff members of presidential candidates Senators Barack Obama and John McCain, and other US officials.

Edita appealed to the US to help ensure that "there are no more violations committed by the Armed Forces of the Philippines" before more military aid is released to the country.

A face to problem

In one sense she is proud that Jonas, because of the prominence his case has attracted in media, has given a face to hundreds of other activists who are victims of what rights activists call "forced disappearances."

"Jonas continues to be a gift," Edita said, "especially to all the disappeared and their families."

Ivy attributes Edita's resilience to her deep spirituality.

A former teacher and lay Catholic nun, Edita talks about her unshakable faith as she [illegible] her personal sorrow.

'God taking care'

"God is taking care of Jonas," she said in an interview with the Inquirer at the [illegible] office in Project 8.

It is Divine Mercy Sunday, she says, looking at her Catholic calendar, adding that she hoped it would prick the conscience of those behind her son's abduction, and possibly return him.

"This is their chance to repent, to come clean, and do what is right," she said. "Tell us where Jonas is."

Joe, she recalled, was not very religious. "But he never compromised goodness," Edita said of her husband, who passed away in 2003.

His father's son

All their five children took after their father in the sense, but it was Jonas, the middle child, who was "the passionate one," she continued.

"Jonas is his father's son. He followed exactly what his father had told them, that whatever you have is only for you to give away. Jonas lived [illegible] true to the fullest," Edita said.

Edita said she has resigned herself to God's will.

She still prays that her son will come home alive someday. But she has also come to terms with the possibility that he has been murdered.

"Edita told me that she can feel that Jonas is still alive. She's connected to him somehow," Ivy said.

She recalled her friend telling her once, that she had asked God, "Let me share in the suffering of my son."

Crucifix found

A few days later, Edita accidentally hit one of her knees on a piece of furniture and felt pain in her leg for days.

Recently, when the family visited the relics of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Lorenzo said one of the Burgos grandchildren found a small crucifix on the ground and showed it to Edita, [illegible] that Jonas' legs were missing.

"Edita told me later that maybe, if Jonas had been tortured, it was his legs that were badly hurt," Ivy said.

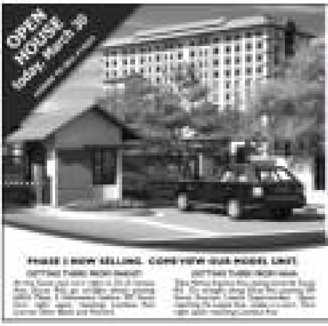
Edita's vow

Edita vows to find Jonas, dead or alive, even when at times she feels so tired, lonely and depressed, even if her entire family remains under surveillance, their phones bugged and e-mails hacked.

The family also continues to receive conflicting tips on Jonas' whereabouts.

"To give up, that's what they want me to do," Edita said of Jonas' abductors. "As if a mother could give up."





Pinay aiming for historic seat in Korean congress

Globalization

Securing a position



HERNANDEZ called on Ambassador Cruz for support and advice at the Philippine Embassy in Seoul after she made the momentous decision to run for a seat in the South Korean National Assembly.

The Daily Gospel

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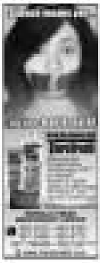
2 persons to a bed

Erratum: In the Intex print ad that appeared last Saturday, March 29, in Super Section D page 4, the promo period should have stated March 29 - April 30, 2008 and not March 1 - April 30, 2008. We apologize for the error.

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Nograles: I'd rather run 2010 campaign

Lawmakers want prelate punished









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San Sebastian, 81.40%



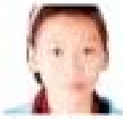
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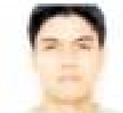
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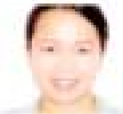
8. MARFORTH T. FUA
San Beda, 81.20%



9. RUBY M. LUY
Ateneo de Davao, 81.15%



10. CHRISTIAN B. LLIDO
University of Cebu, 80.90%



10. VIVIAN S. TAN
UP, 80.90%

SC lowers bar

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cent from 75 percent, and the disqualification rate in three subjects from 50 percent to 45 percent.

As a result, 22.91 percent, or 1,289 law graduates, will now become full-fledged lawyers.

Had the adjustment in the passing rate not been made, only about 5 percent of last year's takers would have made the grade.

The batch of passers include the children of justices of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals and of other government officials.

Four Supreme Court members—Chief Justice Reynato Puno and Associate Justices Consuelo Ynares Santiago, Conchita Carpio Morales and Presbitero Velasco—did not take part in the discussions on the bar exams as they had relatives among the takers.

TOP 10

Topping the list of passers was Ateneo de Manila University graduate Mercedita Ona, with a grade of 85.55 percent. She was followed by Jennifer Ong from the University of the Philippines, with a grade of 85.35 percent, and Yvonne Morillo, also of Ateneo, with 82.75 percent.

The rest of the top 10 places went: Jennie Arlan, University of San Carlos, 82.1 percent; John Michael Galauran, University of Nueva Caceres, 81.6 percent; Karen Cabulles, San Sebastian College, 81.4 percent; Cecille Mejia, ADMU, and Sheryl Ann Tizon, UP, tied at 7th place with 81.35 percent; Marforth Fua, San Beda College, 81.2 percent; Ruby Luy, Ateneo de Davao University, 81.15 percent, and Christian Llido, University of Cebu, and Vivian Tan, UP, tied at 10th place with 80.9 percent.

Associate Justice Adolf Azcuna, who chaired the 2007 bar examination committee, said it was within the Supreme Court's discretion to adjust the passing rates.

"The committee were unanimously strict, so the justices of the court felt there was a need to lower the passing grade," he told reporters.

Balancing strictness

Describing the correction process as "delicate," Azcuna said the adjustment was intended to balance the strictness.

He said those who corrected the papers were free to use their own standards in giving the grades, and it was up to the high court to adjust the passing rates.

The three subjects in which the disqualification rate was adjusted were civil, labor and criminal law.

Under the Rules of Court, a bar examinee is deemed to have passed if he or she obtains a general average of 75 percent in all subjects without falling below 50 percent in any subject.

Azcuna said adjusting the passing rates was also done in previous years, but not since 2000.

The passing rates in the previous six years were as follows: 2000, 20.64 percent; 2001, 32.89 percent; 2002, 19.68 percent; 2003, 20.71 percent; 2004, 31.61 percent; 2005, 27.22 percent; and 2006, 30.00 percent.

Azcuna said the high court took two days to release the results—the decoding of the names was done last Friday—because the Office of the Bar Confidant wanted to double check the schools as some institutions had apparently changed their names.

Examiners

The 2007 examiners were Ateneo professor Raul Pangalangan for political and international law; Rodolfo Sabiniano for labor and social legislation; Celia Tolosa for civil law; Lily Uelin for taxation; Justice Estela Perlas Bernabe for mercantile law; Raymond Fortun for criminal law; Manuel Bello Olano Coquia for remedial law and Nestor Mendez for legal ethics and practical exercises.

Thousands of law graduates and their families, friends and relatives braved the mid-afternoon heat to await the release of the results in the crowded courtyard of the Supreme Court offices on Padre Faura.

LCD screens to display the list of passers were mounted in the Supreme Court building's lobby.

Until Azcuna's press conference to announce the results finished, only members of the media were allowed into the lobby, but eager examinees and their relatives could be seen peeking through the open windows.

Applause, tears

They clapped when they saw Azcuna and Supreme Court spokesperson Jose Midas Marquez approaching the lectern.

Once the go-signal to open the court's double doors was given, the crowd rushed in.

Screams would erupt and people could be seen hugging and exchanging high fives. A few were seen wiping away tears.

I just wanted to pass, says bar topnotcher

By Jerome Aning and Leila Salaverria

SHE WAS SO NERVOUS SHE did not go to the Supreme Court to see the results for herself.

Mercedita Ona, 27, the top-notcher in the 2007 bar examinations, said she was suffering from a migraine when she took the exams last September.

"It [the exam] was very difficult. I knew it when I left the examination room. That's why I was nervous and did not go to the Supreme Court and just decided to view the results online," she said in a phone interview.

"I just wanted to pass and I'm so happy," said Ona, a graduate of the Ateneo de Manila University Law School.

Ona, who scored 85.55 percent, said the six-month preparation for the exams was also a "very difficult experience."

Ona is also a certified public accountant working for the SyCip law firm. She obtained her accounting degree at the University of the Philippines.

Now that she is a lawyer, she will probably become an associate at SyCip, she said.

Jennifer Ong

While Ona is the only lawyer in her family, being a bar topnotcher runs in the extended family of second-placer Jennifer Ong.

Though Ong is the first lawyer in her immediate family, her maternal grandaunt, Lily Valencia, was a bar topnotcher and also a second placer.

Ong was not at the Supreme Court to wait for the results either. But on learning from a friend that she had placed second, she immediately hied off to the Supreme Court's Padre Faura offices.

Like many takers, she was just hoping to pass and was not expecting to be in the top ten.

Ong said she intends to continue working at the Lim, Ocampo and Luyao law office in Makati.

"The moment we started working there, they treated us like lawyers already even though we weren't," she said in a phone interview.

What about a bonus?

She is not expecting to be promoted because of her impressive finish. "But I hope there is a bonus," she said with a giggle.

Ong also considers her No. 2 finish and the No. 3 placement of Yvonne Morillo as a victory for Bacolod, as they are both from Negros Occidental.

Ong got her undergraduate degree from the Ateneo de Manila University, and obtained her law degree from the University of the Philippines.

One of the two seventh placers is well on her way to the top.

Sheryl Ann Tizon works with the Villaraza, Cruz, Marcelo & Angangco law office, one of the country's top law firms, also known as "The Firm" because it was once closely associated with the First Family.

Tizon, who was hired before she even passed the bar for being one of the top graduates of the UP Law School, has been working in the firm's various divisions before deciding what field to specialize in.

She said her employers did not pressure her to finish at the top, and just wanted her to pass.

Inspired by Ally McBeal

Tizon, who took her undergraduate degree in philosophy at UP, said she was initially inspired to study law by "Ally McBeal," the television series featuring a woman lawyer who works for a firm with unusual clients.

But she soon found that there was more to law about the law and was even more inspired by what she could do as a lawyer.

Though she was pleased over being in the top 10, Tizon said the reality still has to sink in.

She said she found waiting for the results of the bar so stressful that she decided to spend the day at the Greenbelt mall, planning to just go to the Internet for the results.

UST orchestra gives ...

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with the church's last Easter.

Dressed in their Sunday finest despite the evening's humidity, the townsfolk quickly filled the centuries-old St. Bartholomew Parish Church in this town, unaware of the musical treat awaiting them.

Throughout the Lenten season, parish priest Fr. Miguel Adriatico reminded the faithful to attend "an Easter night concert" featuring the UST Symphony Orchestra.

The concert was actually a fund-raiser for the restoration of the San Pascual Baylon chapel, the biggest of 14 chapels in San Leonardo, Barangay Malbera, located some 300 kilometers from Manila.

First time

Prof. Herminigildo G. Ranera, UST Symphony Orchestra's musical director and conductor, said this was the first time the orchestra was visiting Nueva Ecija.

The UST Symphony has had concert stops in as far north as Tuguegarao City in Cagayan to Malaybalay City in Bukidnon in the south. In May last year, it went on a concert tour of the cities of Zhuhai and Guangzhou in China.

The UST Symphony is also a resident performing group of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the only training orchestra of the CCP.

Tableau

That Easter evening, the scene inside the church was like a tableau of a Filipino wedding with men in barong Tagalog and women in Maria Clara-inspired gowns.

There were plastic chairs, giant speakers and a wide screen television in the yard for those who were too shy to enter the stone church first built by the Augustinians in 1771.

A special stage had been built just high enough for the altar and retablo (carved centerpiece of a church) to serve as background for the 80-piece orchestra. Ten microphones had been set up. Huge speakers were also added.

Only when the first notes of the opening piece reverberated inside the church—Johann Strauss Jr.'s jubilant "Die Fledermaus Overture"—did it hit the crowd that this would be one special Easter evening.

Elvis is in the building!

"Ang ganda ng tulog ng tenga! [The sound heavens off beautifully]," said Jessamy Garcia, a rice farmer and barangay councillor.

The second number was Nicanor Abelardo's "Mutya ng Pasig," sung by soprano Rosalinda Evangelista, which drew loud but polite applause.

When tenor Tenor Tenor Neapolitan sang the famous Neapolitan Italian song "O Sole Mio," one comment overheard among the crowd was: "Oh ho yun yung kanta ni Elvis Presley! [That's that song by Elvis Presley!]"

Presley's cover version was "It's Now or Never."

That's our boy

The audience heartily applauded when Christian Paul Anthony Nagaño went on stage. Nagaño is a senior 3 of the UST Conservatory of Music and it was he who invited the UST Symphony. His father, Jiefe Nagaño, is a community leader and a member of the group undertaking the fund-raising and restoration of the San Pascual Baylon chapel.

Adriatico, who was born in San Leonardo and would end his tour of duty as parish priest in June, said he wanted to leave a renovated chapel in Barangay Malbera as his legacy.

"Even beautiful women undergo makeovers. The San Pascual Baylon chapel deserves a makeover," Adriatico said of the chapel that was built at the edge of a rice field in 1995.

The young Nagaño, however, was nursing a fever, and could not give his best performance that night. Still, the crowd loved their boy.

Biggest applause

Drawing the biggest applause was the rendition of soprano Rosalind Joan Serrano of "Sa Kabukiran," a Cebuano song by Manuel Velez but translated into Tagalog by the late National Artist for Music Levi Celerio and popularized by Sylvia La Torre.

The crowd so loved "Sa Kabukiran" they applauded four times during the song.

San Leonardo mayor Tirso Nagaño, himself a trumpet player in his youth, said in jest: "My townmates liked that song 'Dalagang Bukid' (referring to the song 'Sa Kabukiran') so much."

Very special evening

All in all, Ranera and the UST Symphony Orchestra performed 10 songs, including Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." And since it was a warm evening, they often took breaks to wipe their sweat.

However, Ranera said he didn't mind the heat nor the insects. "We're used to this. During our trips to the provinces we often play inside churches. A lot of our priests in the provinces are alumni of UST, so they welcome us with open arms."

But that Easter night was special. They knew they would be performing before an audience made up mostly of farmers—a big departure from the genteel crowd of the CCP.

Ranera said: "Music knows no distinction. It does not discriminate. With music we can be together. That is why we came."

Toti Fuentes, played with int'l stars, dies



FUENTES: Played with some of the greats.

Muntinlupa execs face probe

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Patricia Evangelista

TALK of the TOWN

Editor: Juan V. Sarmiento Jr.

Subprime crisis metastasizes

By Michael Lim Mah Hui

IT HAS BEEN NINE MONTHS SINCE THE SUBPRIME MORTGAGE CRISIS BEGAN. In the initial round of writedowns for the third quarter of 2007, banks placed their losses at less than $30 billion. Four months later, banks and securities houses increased the amount to more than $150 billion. And the end is not in sight.

Sovereign funds

Collapse of Bear Stearns

Stagflation

Reluctant to lend

Structural imbalance

Trade surplus

Explosion of derivatives

HOW THE SUBPRIME CRISIS BEGAN



Across the NATION

No rice shortage seen in C. Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The seven provinces in Central Luzon will not experience a shortage in rice supply, at least in the next three months starting April, top officials of the Department of Agriculture and National Food Authority in the region said in separate interviews on Saturday.

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A COUPLE [illegible] Pampanga.

Hoarding sign found in list of sale of NFA rice to traders

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INQUIRER Mindanao



US-led English program helps Mindanao folk

By Mark B. Mindoza
Cotabato City

LIKE THEIR forebears, Muslim and Christian children in Mindanao are learning English grammar direct from the Americans, who introduced the language in the land more than a century ago.

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CHILDREN of Muslim women, like those playing the "kulintang," are among those expected to benefit from an education program launched with the help of USAID.

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Early lessons

[illegible]

US books

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Pacquiao, Custodio keep bonds despite poll rivalry

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CUSTODIO emerging from a gym in General Santos City after watching Pacquiao's fight.

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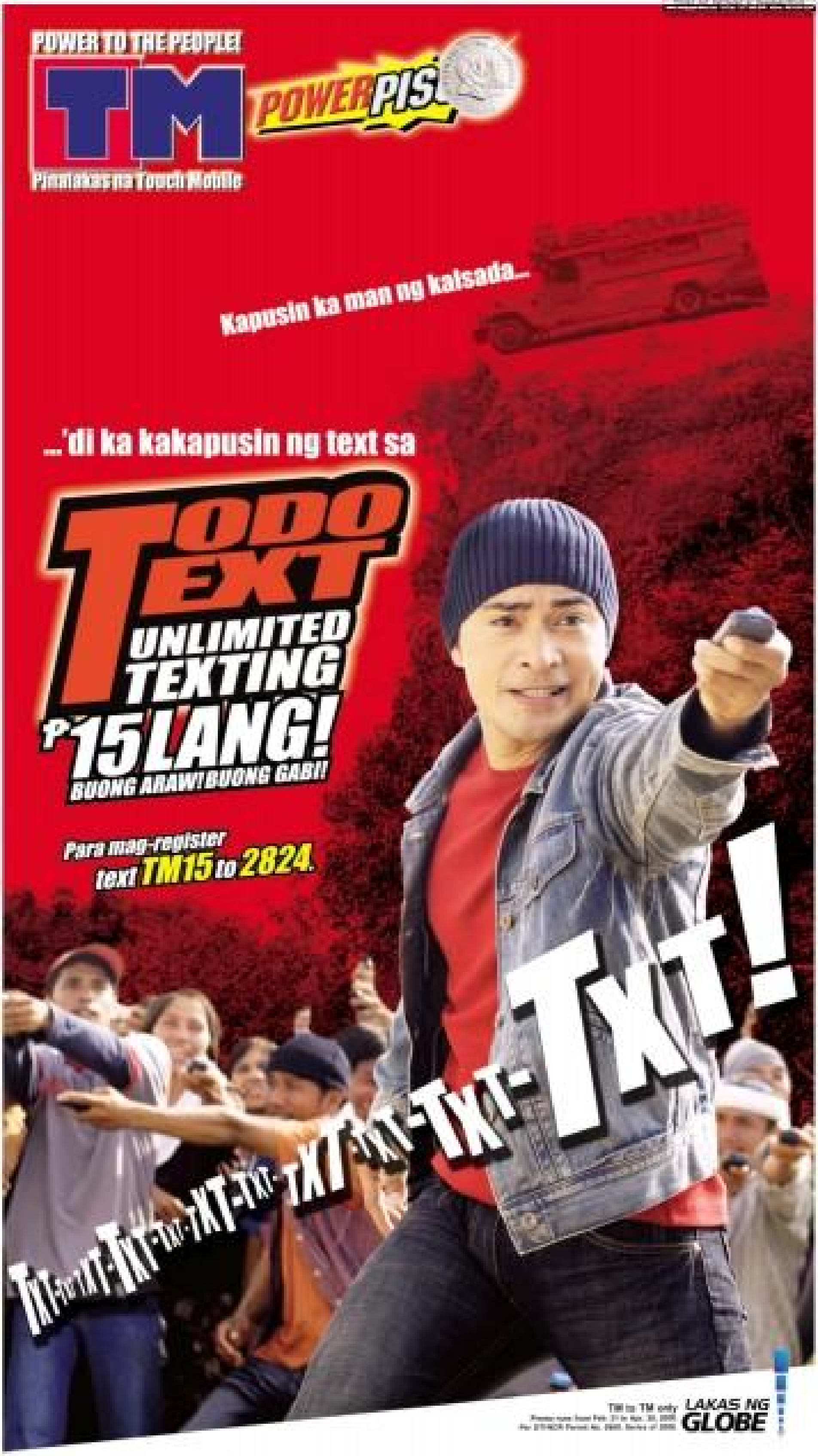
Sumilao exodus ends; now the planting begins



GMA bats for CARP extension

Sister Vic: Unsung hero behind farmers' 11-year saga





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"THIS OFW phenomenon has made our country a consumer-driven economy. It's not good and it's not right."
CHIZ ESCUDERO, February 2007

GLOBAL Pinoy

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a [illegible]

Long-distance love survives



JUSTIN sees her in Australia for the second time in January and then when he sees this time, and vows never to leave his mom again.

By Erika Sauler

It has always been the agony of an OFW mother to come home finding her son loving someone else. Lucy shares how she suffered for nearly 10 years before she won him back

FOR LUCY SANTIAGO, AN OFW in Australia, it used to cost her $300 a month in telephone bills alone to call her son. "I would ring Justin everyday, before and after going to school. Most of the time he would be annoyed if I asked too many questions. He would say, 'Why don't you just come home?'"

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Making up for lost time

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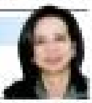
Colon cancer

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LUCY'S LOVE. After 10 long years, mother and son finally live together in Brisbane.

It's hard to escape child-support payment in US



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3 ways to get child support

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Enforcing support orders

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Iraq clashes

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Colombia pressures rebels to free hostages

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World's oldest sound recording played in US

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The WORLD

Please help Tibetans, Dalai Lama appeals

NEW DELHI—TIBETAN SPIRITUAL LEADER Dalai Lama on Saturday appealed to the world community to "please help" resolve the crisis in his homeland that has been rocked by deadly anti-Chinese protests.



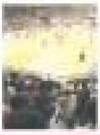
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Clinton urged to drop out of the race



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'Fiesta' opener: Tigers devour Pals

By Musong R. Castillo

PANABO, DAVAO DEL NORTE—Coca-Cola as a tournament favorite was a just description for the Tigers.

The Tigers took the measure of perennial powerhouse Talk 'N Text and boosted their stock with an 87-79 decision at the start of the PBA Fiesta Cup last night at the Panabo Multi-Purpose Sports and Cultural Center here.

The victory confirmed pre-tournament hype that the Tigers will be a team to beat with its ability to field two imports at the same time [illegible]

[illegible]

"We dedicate this victory to [illegible]," said Coca-Cola coach [illegible].

The Tigers trailed by [illegible] at the end of each of the first two periods, [illegible]

Five Tigers scored at least [illegible] points [illegible]

[illegible]

Aaron McGhee led the Phone Pals [illegible] with 24 points.

[illegible]

The Dragons [illegible]

Steve Thomas, the Continental Basketball Association's leader in rebounds last season [illegible]

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PBL SPORTS CUP

Harbour roars to 7th win



Sportswatch

Olongapo hosts POF kickoff

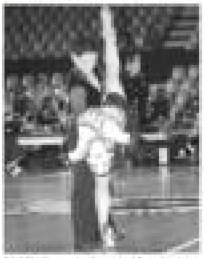
Apo Floors-Urban scores

Heritage Cup resumes

Las Piñas 4-cock derby set



Slovenian ends Alcantara run



Anton-Lavestre wins

Aguilar shifts to road racing, draws support



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ALBERTO

Aguilar, now 6-9, has PBA in mind

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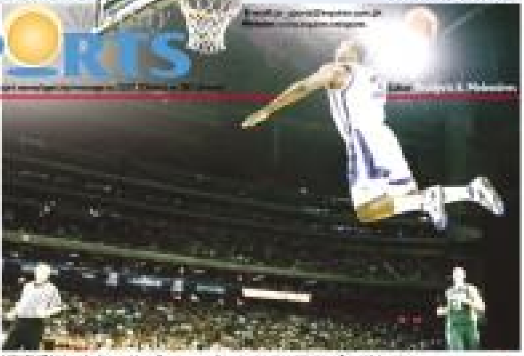


Floro, Stehmeier eye double victory



10 fights highlight 'Fearless' night

Kansas books Elite 8 slot



MEMPHIS University forward Joey Dorsey soars for a dunk against Michigan State University.

Celtics rip Hornets, win battle of leaders

World mountain bike champ set to arrive

National Criterium GP 2nd leg today

Sunday Biz

Tracing Aristocrat's beginnings

Aling Asiang's grandchildren go into education

By Margie Quimpo-Espino



THE ANECDOTE GOES THAT when The Aristocrat Restaurant founder Doña Engracia Cruz-Reyes, or Aling Asiang, was thinking of a name for her rolling store (the predecessor of the restaurant), she thought of naming it after her eldest son, Andres.

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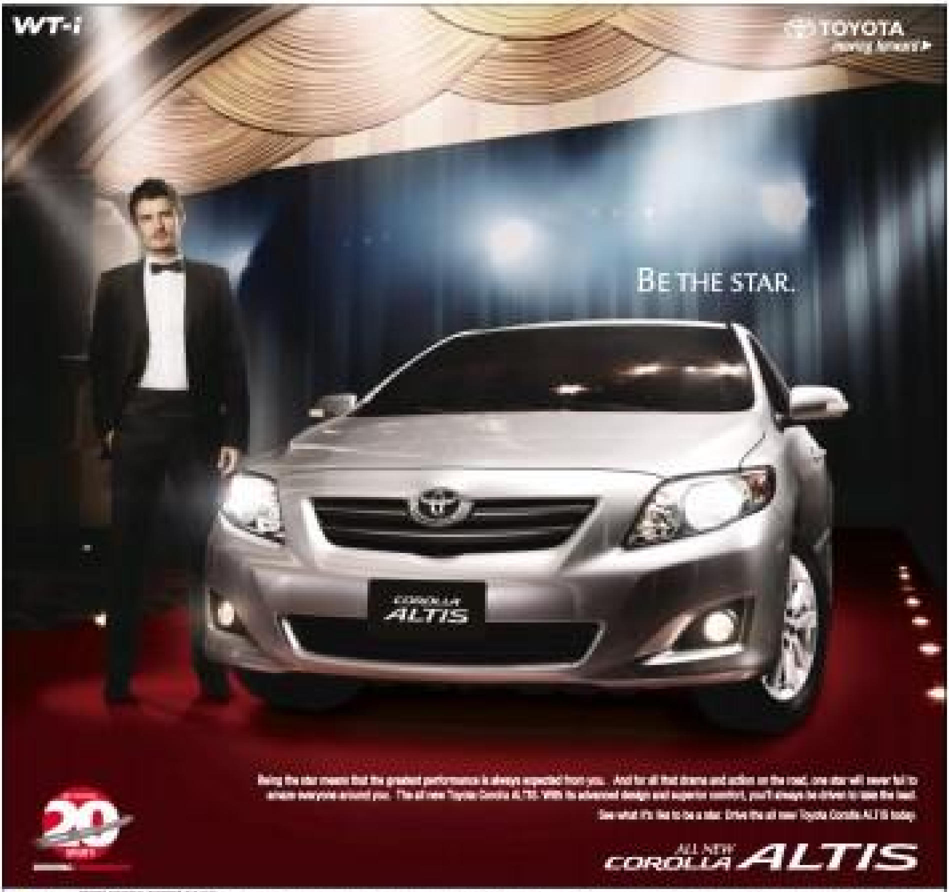


ALING Asiang Reyes (above). Upper left is the restaurant in the 1940s. The drawing on the left shows the rolling store.

The eatery was called Lapu-Lapu, and it was the first restaurant to serve native fare at a time when American col-

> At a time when American dishes were served everywhere, an eatery opened that first served Filipino cuisine

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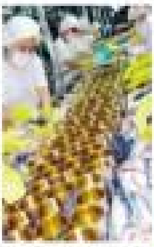


Sardines: Poor man's staple no more

Canned fish's main competitor is instant noodles

CHATTRADE Enterprises, the local manufacturer of Saba canned seafoods and exclusive distributor of American brand, Rose Bowl, is venturing into the frozen seafoods business supplying major supermarkets with high-end seafood products.

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THE POOR prefer to pay P5 for a pack of noodles than P10 for a can of sardines.





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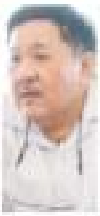
Tracing Aristocrat's beginnings



ALING Asiang preparing food to sell



COUSINS Teresa and Raymund Reyes



VIC Reyes, son of only three living children of Aling Asiang.

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All set for Asia's food trade show

SINGAPORE EXHIBITION SERVICES' [illegible]

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The creative edge

A LEADER'S WAY



John C. Maxwell

EARL WILSON SAID, "IF WHAT you did yesterday still looks pretty big to you, then you haven't done enough today."

In other words, becoming successful doesn't justify letting the creative control and taking a vacation. In fact, when you are the leader in your field, it takes a greater level of innovation and commitment to stay there.

William Danforth said, "The best cure for a sluggish mind is to disturb it's routine."

It's true that the secret to success lies in a person's daily routine. But to remain ahead of the game it is necessary to occasionally disrupt your daily routine to better breed fresh ideas and innovative solutions—because yesterday's methods don't stay fresh for long.

The following four items are daily practices to help you maintain a creative edge in your work.

As a leader, make them a part of your routine to ensure that you and your organization are not just setting the standard but continually raising it to another level.

1. Hang around creative people.

Joseph Joubert said, "We should always have in our heads one free and open corner, where we can give place, or lodging as they pass, to the ideas of our friends. It really becomes unbearable to converse with men whose brains are divided up into well-filled pigeon holes, where nothing can enter from outside."

From the most creative people seldom create something out of nothing.

They simply take what everyone else sees and create something with it, taking it to a new level. Make sure you're taking time to observe and listen to people who have a history of being innovators, whether in their personal lives or in your field of endeavor.

2. Always search for many options.

Philosopher Emile Chartier once said, "Nothing is more dangerous than an idea when it's the only one you have."

Even when things are going well, make a point to continually search for a better way of doing things. It will provide insurance that a better alternative has not been overlooked and keep your creative talents in constant practice.

3. Practice mental agility.

William Plomer said, "It is the function of creative men to perceive the relations between thoughts, or things, or forms of expression that may seem utterly different, and be able to combine them into some new forms."

Mental agility is the ability to see unique relationships between seemingly unconnected things.

Before you write off a far-fetched idea, back off and look at the big picture. You may find that it fits perfectly on another level.

4. Have fun.

A few years ago, Business Week reported that a forty-year-old adult is about two percent as creative as a five-year-old child.

Dr. Seuss put it this way: "Adults are obsolete children."

Unfortunately growing up has made many people become too structured in their thinking. But it's that childlike creativity that can make you the top innovator in your field. Continually ask yourself if you still enjoy what you're doing. When you are truly having fun in your work, creativity flows freely.

Ray Kroc once said, "As long as you're green, you're growing; as soon as you're ripe, you start to rot."

Keep understand that innovation is the key to staying on top of your game, and lack of innovation ultimately leads to dried up ideas and plans. Make a commitment to stimulate your creativity on a daily basis and give yourself a decided edge.

For information on John Maxwell's in-house or public leadership or teamwork workshops e-mail [illegible] or call [illegible]

Brushing up on Filipinos' changing tastes

A GENERATION AGO, TOOTHpaste meant a cleaning agent for the teeth that was usually mint flavored.

Then there was toothpaste with a mouthwash, with fluoride. Then different flavored ones.

Today one find toothpaste flavors like strawberry, orange, even chocolate.

The toothpaste scene is very competitive with the leaders regularly investing heavily in advertising to maintain their positions.

For more than 30 years, Lamoiyan Corporation, makers of Hapee Toothpaste, is a Filipino firm, that has been studying and responding to the needs of Filipino consumers.

From packaging to formula, Hapee continues to develop new methods and products that cater to the different needs and lifestyles of different markets.

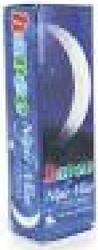
Aside from its regular variants, Hapee develops specialty products aimed at completing the line that an oral care specialist brand can offer like the Hapee Complete, Gumtech Advance, Extreme Clean, Hapee Night Mint, and 2 in 1.

Hapee Complete plus Whitening provides 12-hour antibacterial protection, Gumtech Advance Toothpaste is clinically proven to be a solution against several gum problems, Extreme Clean has crystal granules that provide an advanced oral care system.

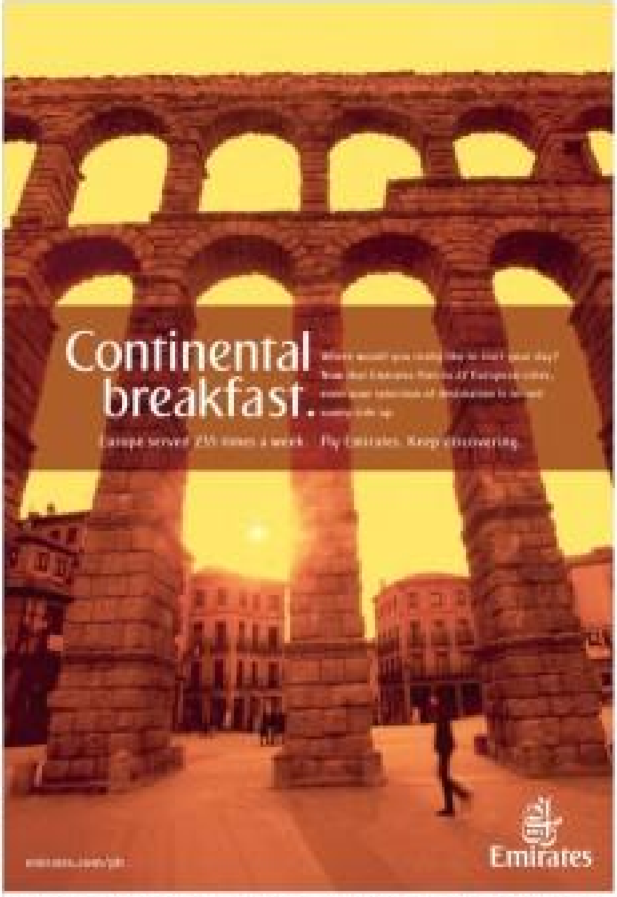
Hapee Night Mint is the first Filipino toothgel brand designed for night use. It works overnight with a blend of Chamomile extract and peppermint flavor for fresher morning breath, and whiter teeth.

Combining the efficacy of toothpaste and mouthwash is one potent way with 2 in 1.

All this from the company whose founder took into the business to save his investments and hundreds of people from losing their jobs.



HAPEE Night Mint is the first Filipino toothgel brand designed for night use.



Sunday Biz





Farmers ready to plant again



By Vincent Cabreza

Inquirer Northern Luzon

Photos by EV Espiritu

BAGUIO CITY—TAPUY (RICE wine) is one of the essential community products that are threatened by a supposed rice crisis confronting the country.

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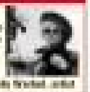


HAND-POUNDED rice is valuable to American importers who buy the crop from Tinglayan farmers of Kalinga.

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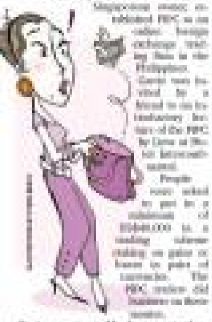
HAVE A GOOD DAY!



The scam that rattled high society

The country's Who's Who is trying to move on

I "IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, then it's not true," Carrie (not her real name), a business-woman, says, breaking into ... laughter.



Warning

Dividends



The scam that rattled high society

Perks

Addicting

Massage parlor





Broken lives



Infinite fun & non-stop action
Join us at Hong Kong Disneyland

Hold onto your mouse-eared hats because the Park is bursting at the seams with more excitement than ever before. The fun kicks off in March with "High School Musical: Live!" which will have the streets full of the songs and dances from the Disney smash hit. And you can play a starring role in the performance. But the fun doesn't stop there. You'll see many more all-new attractions, so come and join the excitement.



Draw like a pro at the "Animation Academy."

Here's your chance to learn the tricks of the trade from a classic illustrator and unlock some secrets about how to bring the Disney characters to life. Before you know it, you'll easily be drawing your favorite Disney friends such as Mickey Mouse and Winnie the Pooh.



Explore a world of laughter at "it's a small world."

Starting April 27, join a world of laughter with the all-new "it's a small world" attraction and delight in a colorful, vibrant, and playful view of the World. You'll see things through the eyes of a child as you take an imaginative journey through the regions of the world, featuring hundreds of dolls in national costumes, elaborate sets and for the first-time-ever over 40 Disney characters. Like a colorful, three dimensional picture book, the "it's a small world" attraction will awaken your creative spirit and leave you smiling as you see a world of childhood fantasy.



Submerse yourself in "Finding Nemo, Turtle Talk with Crush."

From May onwards, visit your easygoing turtle friend, Crush, at the Nemo Submarine. This lovable character will chat with you in real-time from his digital world under the sea. And while he may be 152-years old, this sharp fellow still keeps the jokes coming as he shares his animated stories about life as a turtle and asks what it's like to be a human as well.

HONG KONG DISNEYLAND

Contact your travel agent or visit hongkongdisneyland.com

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Procession of women stereotypes



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"LADY of Perpetual Sorrow"



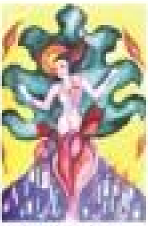
"SANTA Kusina"



"NUESTRA Señora Fashionista"







"MADONNA of the Broken Heart"



"NUESTRA Señora Abandonada"

Eulogy to glamour, and the grit behind it

They don't make them like they used to

By Bambi Harper
Contributor

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GLAMOUR girl in the '60s



THE FLAIR, the élan, the presence—Chito Madrigal in her dowager years

Halcyon days

[illegible]



THE MADRIGAL family [illegible]

Curtailed social life

[illegible]

Remembering Chito

[illegible]

Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the Inquirer, [illegible] Makati Central Post Office, 1203 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and on receipt of the wedding.



MAYUGA-SAN LUIS

Fred Mayuga, son of [illegible] and [illegible] Mayuga, and Karen San Luis, daughter of Leandro and [illegible] San Luis, will exchange vows on April [illegible] at the Manila Cathedral. Reception will follow at [illegible] Restaurant in Intramuros, Manila.



VICENTE-JARILLA

[illegible] Vicente, eldest son of [illegible] and [illegible] Vicente, will wed [illegible] L. Jarilla, daughter of [illegible] and [illegible] Jarilla, on April 7 at Immaculate Conception Cathedral, [illegible] City.

CONSULTA-GARCIA

Alberto A. Consulta Jr., son of Alberto and Rebecca Consulta, will wed Ma. Louise C. Garcia, daughter of [illegible] Alberto and [illegible] Garcia, on April 2, at Our Lady of [illegible] Church in Manila. Reception will follow at Casa de Manila in Intramuros.



Goings On

Pagsanjan celebrates Bangkero festival

PAGSANJAN, THE TOURIST CAPITAL of Laguna, stages the 18th Pagsanjan Bangkero Festival on April 1-6. This year's theme is "[illegible] ... Beyond the [illegible] ..." The festival will feature a fluvial and land float parade, street-dancing competition, [illegible] contest, [illegible] games and a search for [illegible] Pagsanjan. The festival is a tribute to the town's patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the boatmen who shoot the rapids of the Pagsanjan River. Call [illegible] or [illegible].



BRIDAL FAIR

Shopping around and being able to accomplish certain marriage requirements at the same time under one roof is an excellent opportunity soon-to-weds should not miss. The bridal fair "Celebrations! A Bridal Show & Special Events Expo" will be held May 17-18 at the SMX Convention Center. The National Statistics Office (NSO) will put up a registry booth for NSO-certified documents for marriage requirements. There will also be [illegible] processing and [illegible] or online application. Marrying couples may enjoy free entrance by pre-registering online at www.celebrations.com.ph or by texting their names to [illegible]. Call [illegible].

French underwater photo contest

The Department of Tourism recently welcomed the contingent [illegible] Resort in [illegible] for the marine imagery competition. This is the first time the contest will be held in the Philippines. The French nationals will be taking to the waters surrounding [illegible] and nearby Apo Island to shoot and build up their entries. The [illegible] participants are the second group of marine professional and amateur photographers that the DOT has received this year.

Photo competition

A photography competition in line with this year's Aliwan Fiesta is set on May 1-3 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex in Pasay. The grand parade of Aliwan Fiesta 2008 is on May 3, traversing the length of Roxas Boulevard, and culminating in front of Aliw Theater. The contest with the theme "[illegible]" is open to both amateur and professional photographers, using digital or film-based cameras. Photos of the street-dance contingents must have been taken during the competition period and should not have previously been published in any book or photography magazine. Deadline for submission of entries is on May 16, 5 p.m. The [illegible] office is at [illegible] Street, CCP Complex, Pasay.



BUFFET FOR GRADUATES

Have an enjoyable buffet with your family until May [illegible] at [illegible] restaurant in [illegible] Hotel, Manila. A fresh graduate dines free for every group of five diners in the same group. He will also receive a complimentary drink and [illegible]. Call [illegible] local [illegible] or e-mail [illegible].





Prestone Coolant shares tips to keep car overheating problems at bay

As summer vacation gets underway, overheated vehicles can become a common sight on busy thoroughfares. The combination of terrible traffic and heat-soaked roads puts vehicles under much strain. To help you on your journey, Prestone Coolant has gathered the following tips to help you prevent and survive car-overheating problems.

Before hitting the road

[illegible]



[illegible]



On the road

[illegible]

> **"Before hitting the road, arm your car with a coolant that provides excellent protection against radiator overheating and corrosion. Using water alone is a no-no, it can cause clogging in the vehicle's cooling system due to residue build up and renders it inefficient."**

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Sunday LifeStyle



MORIN head William Hamilton-Whyte and Ruffa Gutierrez [partly illegible]



BEAUTIFUL ladies [illegible]



LOVELY mother and daughter [illegible]

Taking inspiration from Josie Natori and women's causes



> Look around you; the old ladies-who-lunch caricature is gone

TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

MY YOGA AND MARATHON training have gotten me so used to the comfort of Nikes and Crocs. [illegible]

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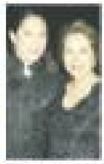
An elegant display of different Filipino crafts and Natori inspiration [illegible]



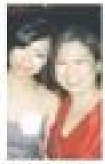
HONORED guests Mr. and Mrs. Cruz, Ching Bautista, Natori art director Andrew Egan, Natori SVP James Booth, Josie Natori, Philip Cruz



ELEGANT ladies



GALA co-chairs



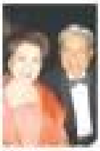


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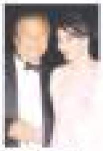
Taking inspiration from Josie Natori and women's causes



AWESOME fashion show of the Natori Collection at the Makati Shang Ballroom



CLASSY couple

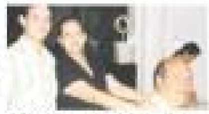


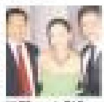
JOSIE's brother Philip Cruz and his wife Ching

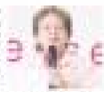


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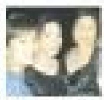


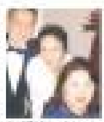


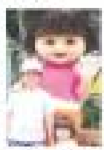




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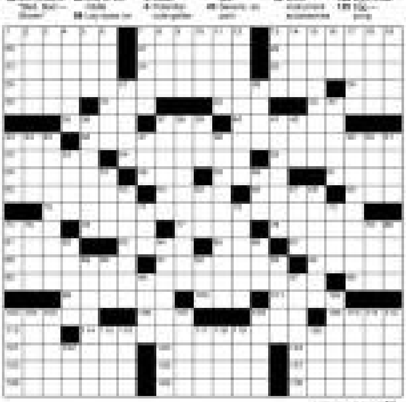
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo — ONE'S PLACE

ACROSS

DOWN



ROOTS AND WINGS
Cathy Babao-Guballa

Are you a 'hidden patient'?

How to care for a loved one with cancer

Caring for the sick

Symptoms of sick family members





IT WAS a fun-filled and exciting Easter at Eastwood City Libis, where kids enjoyed the various Easter activities such as the egg hunt, egg painting, parlor games and kiddie shows.

Sunday LIFESTYLE Relationships

Can you be friends with your ex?

CAN YOU BE FRIENDS with your ex-husband? Your ex-wife?

> Some day you may want to send the 'third party' a thank-you note



'Should I push my son to go beyond his meager life?'



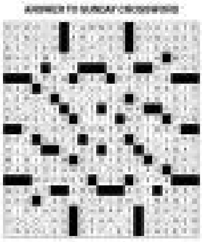
EMILY'S POST

Nagging him is counterproductive

DEAR EMILY,

MAMA

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD



Sunday LIFESTYLE

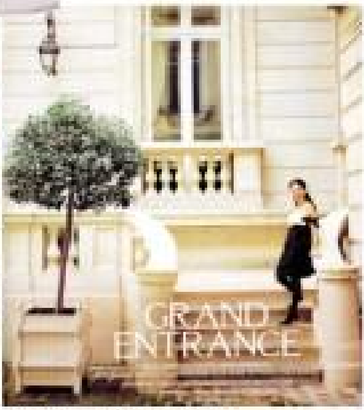


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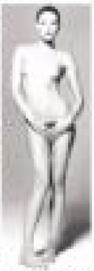


2 Filipinas make it to Elle Décor



Differences

Rosso opening in HK







Rustan's wins global awards



Sunday LifeStyle Do-it-yourself D.I.Y.
With Anton Barretto and Marissa Lopa

Use rods to hang frame



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White is bold

World Rosary Crusade to be launched March 31

Purely Personal

Josephine Darang



Pope Benedict's address

Our Lady of All Nations

Bishop Tagle's book

Seven Last Words



MASTER BEDROOM. [illegible]



FOYER. [illegible]

Create the Old World in a Makati high-rise

How to do it—from the color scheme to the lighting design



BEDROOM DETAIL. [illegible]

Text by Margi C. Enriquez

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Neutral colors

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DINING-ROOM DETAIL. [illegible]



LIVING ROOM. [illegible]



TABLE VIGNETTE. [illegible]

DOT pushes rural tourism to hike countryside income

Summer tour packages

Relaxing Sea Wind

Great travel deals



Free luggage when you book in travel store

Special rates for barristers



Filipinos one of Macau's top tourist contributors

ENTERTAINMENT
Editor: Ernesto G. Pelardo

800 hopefuls for 10 slots

Kids audition for new batch of 'Goin' Bulilit'

By Marinel R. Cruz

SOME 800 CHILDREN, ACCOMPANIED BY their mothers and grandmothers, trooped to the ABS-CBN studios on Monday to audition for the weekly kiddie gag show "Goin' Bulilit."

The kids, aged 5 to 8, were asked to sing, dance, act and crack jokes in front of the show's production team.

Those who passed the first round of tryouts were sent to the "Goin' Bulilit" studio for a screen test—and another round of interviews. Those who hurdled that last one were asked to return next week for yet another screen test.

"Only 10 of these 800 kids will be picked. Wiling-pili talaga," executive producer Ronnie Moranta said between Entertainment during breaks in the screening.

Moranta said that, to pass the "Bulilit" auditions, the aspiring child actor must have an outstanding character. "Dapat bibo siya," she explained. "He has to be good in dancing and singing. He also has to be confident in front of the camera. Minsan kasi pangit ang ng mga nanay ang mga bata. When they stand in front of us, ayaw na magsalita."

Some of the talents who were discovered in the kiddie gag show include Kharlene San Pedro, Nash Aguas, Igiboy Flores, Kiray Celis and Hagis Legaspi.

"Goin' Bulilit Year 4" airs Sundays, 7 p.m. after "Rated K" on ABS-CBN.

Email: mcruz@inquirer.com.ph



TV pass the initial grueling auditions, a screening committee member says, an aspirant should be good in singing and dancing. He should also be confident in front of the camera.





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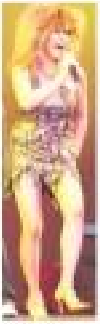
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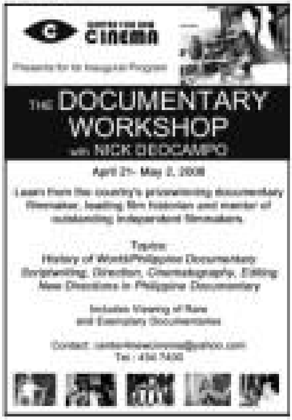
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How my classmate became Tina Turner



"MY FIRST Tina impersonation went through the roof. People screamed and clapped as though I was the real thing."



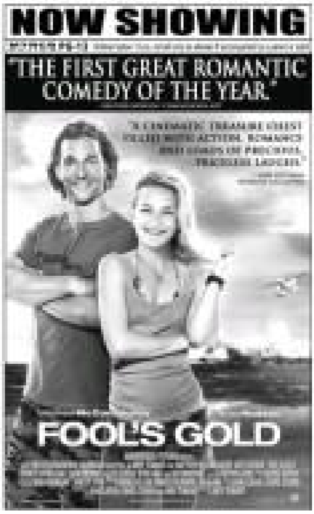


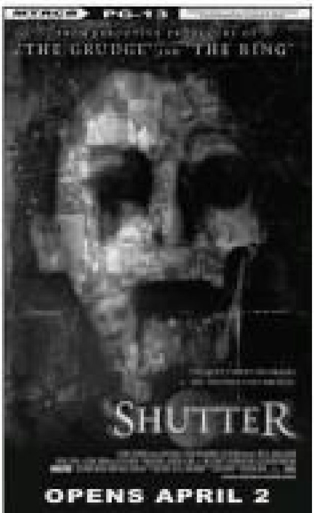


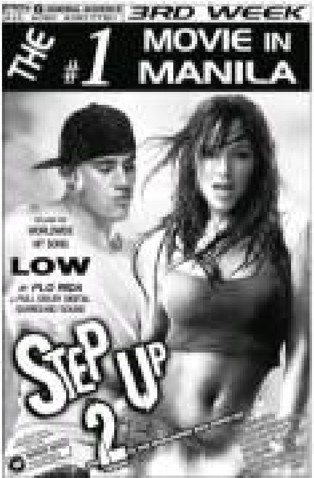


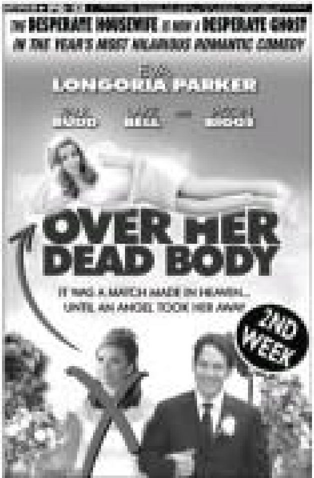


















How my classmate became Tina Turner

(First of two parts)

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales

Meeting the star

ENTERTAINMENT



ROSARIO "Charo" Santos-Concio is ABS-CBN's fifth president. She's also the country's first beauty titlist, and first award-winning actress, to be "top man" of a major network.

'U2 3D' premieres April 1 in MoA, SM North

CHEER FACTOR

Lady boss knows where to go–just don't rush her

THE FIRST PERSON she broke the news to was her husband, Cesar.

Harvard preparation

Still immersing

FEEDBACK

Journalism, not

Lady boss knows where to go



> Losing the audience share once felt like a rejection of my whole being

The movie fan

Woman power

Learning fast





> I still get *kilig* about love teams ... *medyo may dugong bagets pa tayo e*

Financial performance

Rewarding diversion

A viewer's POV

Main mentors



> I will immerse myself especially in news operations



THE PRESIDENT'S office consists of a reception area, a monitoring room (above) and the main office.

Patience, a virtue

But it's not as though she sailed gently through 20 years (she joined the network in 1987). Grace, whom she married in 1982, has been such a pillar of strength precisely because she needed one at landmark points in her career.

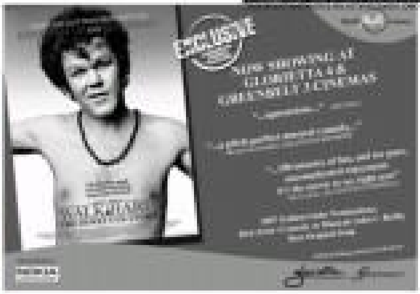
"One such time was when we lost the ratings in Mega Manila (last quarter of 2004) after 17 years of being number 1," Charo relates. "When you're a creative person, your work is an extension of yourself. Losing our audience share felt to me like a rejection of my whole being. It was a big blow to my self-worth."

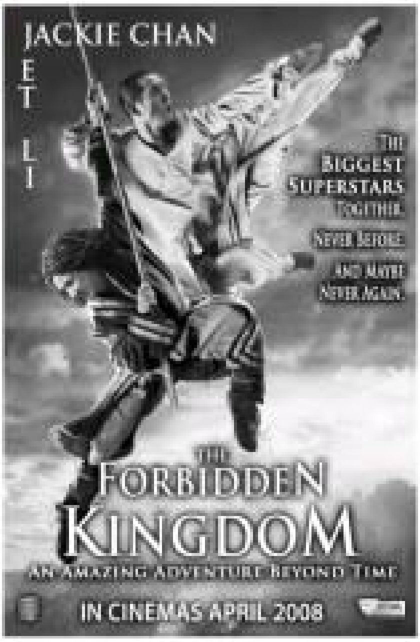
She got out of the slump by confronting her fears, she says, "by being honest about where I was wanting, and then buckling down to work." The worst part of that episode, she looks back, was that she panicked. "I was adjusting to a new environment. Mr. Garcia had retired and I had no one to run to, no buffer. The buck stopped with me. Sometimes also I made panic calls that did not help the situation at all."

"Panic," she says, this woman who makes it a point to speak softly as a matter of course, slowly when the situation requires, sweetly whenever possible.

"Actually, I managed to stay calm on the surface ... so calm, that at times I felt catatonic. I didn't throw ash trays at people, you know ... but I was not sure about my calls and I stopped following my instincts because I started doubting my judgment. You know how it happens? You blame everyone when, in fact, you just got scared."

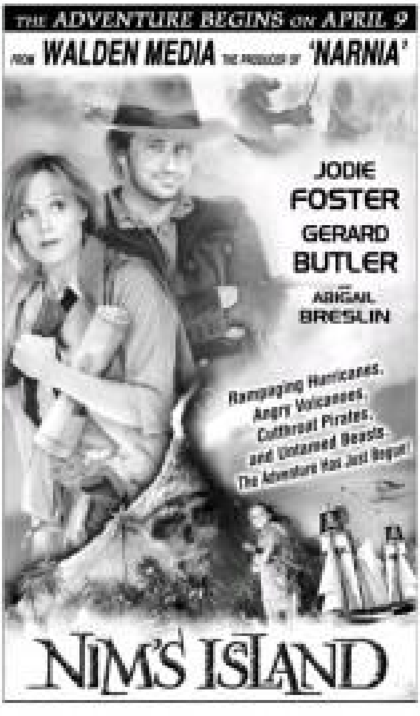
She's over that, she says with conviction now. "I still don't have all the answers. I don't expect to perform miracles. I'm not Superwoman and I cannot change things overnight. But I know what I want to do, I know where to bring the organization. And I am a very patient person."













Moonlighting starlet leads the usual suspects

By the INQUIRER Entertainment Staff

RUSHES SUNDAY

Chismoso hosts



Hero Angeles

Hero comeback

Hero Angeles, whose career dived after leaving ABS-CBN, has signed up with GMA Artist Center.

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Paris, role model

Sambora arrested for DUI

LOS ANGELES—Richie Sambora, lead guitarist for the rock band Bon Jovi, was arrested in Southern California on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. Reuters

Mrs. Williams seeks divorce

SAN FRANCISCO—Comedian Robin Williams' second wife has filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences, court documents showed. Reuters

Richard Widmark, 93

BOSTON—Actor Richard Widmark has died at age 93.

MOONLIGHTING B6



ENTERTAINMENT

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Joker mania

LOS ANGELES—In the days after Heath Ledger's death, ... "The Dark Knight." [illegible]

Top of the tabloids

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Numbers game

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Anatomy talks

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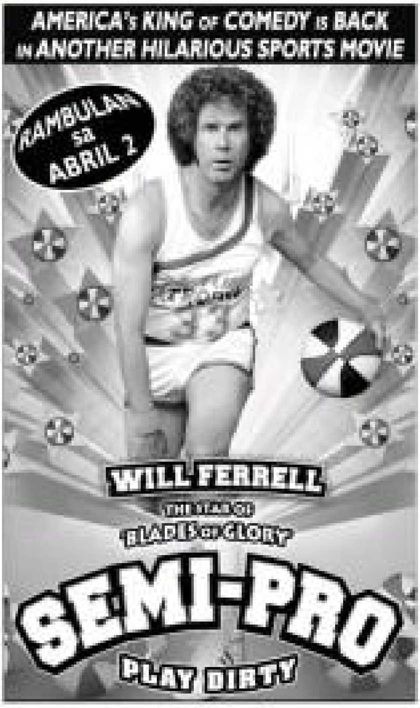


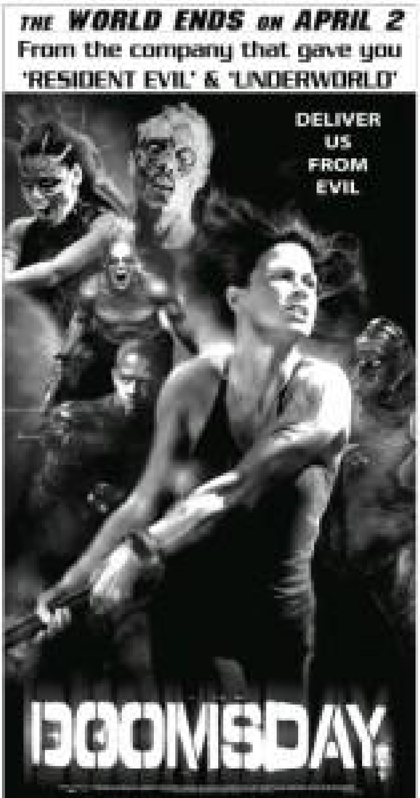
ROBIN WILLIAMS and wife Marsha Garces in a 2005 event in New York. [illegible]

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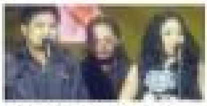


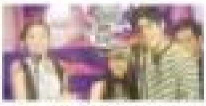
Sarah Geronimo wins 4 top Myx awards

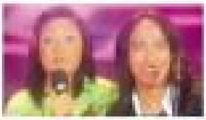














Uneasy, laughable moments, provocative and also sarcastic statements peppered the show

Riding a skateboard

2008 Myx Music Awardees

Hip-hop artist apl.de.ap gives back



His foundation's raising money to build music schools for kids

Charity drive

'The Apl Song'



New album

'60s, '70s bands reunite



Click Five at the Big Dome



Swing Out Sister returns

April 3

April 10

May 11

DZRH now on TV